

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Ferrara et al.	Examiner:	Huynh, Phuong N.
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed December 31, 2007, the period of response being extended from March 31, 2008 to April 30, 2008.

Payment in the amount of \$120.00 is being submitted via credit card to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.


Respectfully submitted,

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